

ABSTRACT

A diagnostic unit is disclosed that monitors the operational parameters of a security system and upon detection of a variation in the operational parameters beyond preset limits transmits over a wireless communication device a signal warning of a potential failure of the system. Upon receipt of the signal by a remote unit a communication link can be established and the diagnostic unit queried as to the status of various operational parameters to determine if a failure has occurred and the cause of such failure. In one form of the invention two-way wireless pagers are used as the communication devices.